



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Leander to host Juneteenth Block Party

*2023 event theme: Absolute Equality*

LEANDER, TEXAS — City of Leander in coordination with the Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission will commemorate Juneteenth with a block party at Robin Bledsoe Park on Saturday, June 17, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Juneteenth Block Party is a free, family friendly event that will feature:

- Musical performance by Soulful Soundz Party Band
- Food trucks
- Craft vendors
- Fun Zone (\$15 per child)
- Swimming pool and splash pad

Vendors and sponsors can sign up using the forms on the City's Juneteenth Block Party webpage, [Leandertx.gov/JT](https://leandertx.gov/JT)



Juneteenth National Independence Day, which became a federal holiday in 2021, commemorates an end of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce the end of both the Civil War and slavery, in accordance with President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

Robin Bledsoe Park, 601 S. Bagdad Road, is a 16-acre park with lighted multipurpose fields, a basketball court, playscape, swimming pool, splash pad, pavilion, picnic tables, BBQ grills, and amphitheater.

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